



Minutes of Northeast Avalon Joint Council in the City of Mt. Pearl, Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

The Northeast Avalon Joint Council met at the Town Hall, Paradise on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Members Present: Craig Williams, Conception Harbour - Chair
Peggy Roche, Torbay – Vice Chair

Members Present: Brain Whitty, Torbay
Steve Tessier, Conception Bay South
Sam Whalen, Colliers
Sadie King, Holyrood
Joedy Wall, Pouch Cove
Jim Joy, Holyrood
Brad Power, Logy Bay – Middle Cove – Outer Cove
Sterling Willis, Paradise

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town of Paradise with round table introductions.

2. Welcome all Members

Chairperson C. Williams welcomed all members in attendance.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

P. Roche / J. Wall / Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes – January 20, 2016 – City of Mt. Pearl

Moved/Seconded

S. Whalen / S. Willis / Carried

5. Business Arising from minutes

The upcoming meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs was discussed, the Chairperson asked all Council members in attendance to send their questions they would like to ask the Minister to A. Hyde or C. Williams. Once this information is received a draft letter will be compiled and sent to the Minister.

It was reported that all of the 2016 Membership Invoices have been sent out to the corresponding Municipalities.

Summer Student Applications are to be completed, once these forms are filled out they should be tabled to the council for their review and input.

A copy of the Institution & By-Laws was circulated to the council as well as open fire regulations.

It was reported that Firework Legislation is still ongoing, S. Willis is looking for information on these legislations. It was recommended that if anyone has any information on these that they can forward it to S. Willis. It was suggested to have Derek Squires of the Fire Commission to join one of the NEAJC meetings to suggest some insight on this matter. A. Hyde is to draft a letter requesting his attendance.

6. Treasures Report

Approval was given on the expense claim submitted by A. Hyde. All in attendance were reminded to keep an eye out for their 2016 Membership Invoices.

7. Correspondence

No new correspondence was tabled.

8. ERSB Report

An update was given by P. Roche, they have decided as a board to make more contact with joint councils in the province, in order to do this, they have decided that it would be beneficial to hire Admin. Support to liaise between all parties involved. A brief overview of the job description was given to the councils for their information. It was noted that once the ERSB minutes are accepted P. Roche will send a copy to all councils for their information.

9. Meetings to take place

Community Sector Council of NL would like to meet with this Council as well as the newly elected Federal MP's (Nick Whalen and Ken McDonald). A time is to be decided upon during one of our upcoming meetings. Once a time is determined a letter is to be sent to CSC, and both Federal MP's.

10. New Business

It was decided that the councils will request Sean Martin to join one of the NEAJC meetings. It was recommended to have someone connect with Sean and request him to complete a cross examination of the assessment and have some resampling of 2000 properties across the province. The NEAJC are to write a letter on this request. It was noted that a motion of each council will be needed on this item before the letter is sent. Un-incorporated areas would need to be looked into as well as there are many properties who are not listed. It was suggested to have D. Noseworthy (CAO with the Town of Conception Bay South) to create this letter. Once this letter is reviewed by all councils they can send their comments to the recording secretary.

It was noted that the Harris Centre will be hosting a Northeast Avalon Workshop on March 9th, 2016 at the Manuels River Hibernia Interpretation Centre. This information was provided for councils if they wish to attend. They can receive more information on this event by visiting the Harris Center's website.

Open Fire Regulations were discussed, a copy of the most recent document that has been adopted by the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Phillips was tabled to councils for their review.

11. Meeting Requests

Meeting requests were discussed by all councils in attendance, it was decided that we need to prioritize our speakers for 5 consecutive NEAJC meetings. The priority of speakers are as follows;

- Minister of Transportation and Works
- Sean Martin of the Municipal Assessment Agency
- Derek Squires of the Fire Commission
- Federal MP's (Nick Whelan and Ken McDonald)
- Community Sector Council

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next NEAJC meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Conception Bay South.

Adjournment 8:02 p.m.

Moved/Seconded

S. Tessier / J. Wall / Carried

Respectfully submitted

Ashley Hyde